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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner /: Donna C. Wortmann

Group Art Unit : 1648

Applicant : Bo Niklasson

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For : NEW PICORNAVIRUSES, VACCINES AND

DIAGNOSTIC KITS

New York, New York November 13, 2001

Hon. Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE

Sir:

This is in response to a July 10, 2001 Communication in the above-identified application. Applicant has petitioned concurrently herewith to extend the time for response to that Office Action for three months, from August 10, 2001 up to and including November 10, 2001 and have paid the required fee [37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136(a) and 1.17(a)(3)]*.

^{*} November 10, 2001 falls on a Saturday. November 12, 2001 is a federal holiday within the District of Columbia. Accordingly, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.7, applicant is filing the response on the next business day.